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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN UP-ROAR OVER KHALID MUHI AL-DIN'S COMMENTS IN ROME

1. BOTH AHRAM AND GUMHURIYYA MAY 8 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLES DETAILING ANTI-REGIME STATEMENTS MADE BY KHALID MUHI AL-DIN, EGYPTIAN MARXIST AND LEADER EGYPT'S LEGAL LEFTIST PARTY, DURING ADDRESS TO SEMINAR IN ROME ORGANIZED BY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INSTITUTE, ALLEGEDLY AFFILIATED WITH CPI. ARTICLES REPORTED THAT MUHI AL-DIN ATTACKED NOT ONLY ECONOMIC OPEN DOOR POLICY OF PRES SADAT, BUT ALSO LAWS BANNING DEMONSTRATIONS IN UNIVERSITIES AND FACTORIES. MUHI AL-DIN FURTHER COMPLAINED THAT EGYPTIAN LEFTISTS FORBIDDEN TO WORK IN BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION (TRUE) AND THAT EGYPTIAN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY DID NOT REFLECT TRUE COMPOSITION OF EGYPTIAN MASSES AND WAS UNABLE TO SOLVE
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EGYPT'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

2. PROMINENT EGYPTIAN MARXISTS, LUTFI AL-KHULI AND MUHAMMAD SID AHMAD ALSO ADDRESSED ROME MEETING. LATTER REPORTEDLY ATTACKED ARAB OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, WHO ATTEMPTING TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINAIN REVOLUTION, AND CHARGED THAT EGYPT HAS BECOME DEPENDENT ON REACTIONARY ELEMENTS

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IN ARAB PETROLEUM COUNTRIES.

3. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, DAILIES MAY 9 FULL OF INDIGNATION
AT MUHI AL-DIN COMMENTS. PRMIN SLAIM, IN SPEECH PREVIOUS
DAY AT DAMIETTA, FALYED UNNAMED EGYPTIANS WHO ATTACK EGYPT
ABROAD. THESE CRITICS, SALIM MAINTAINED, RE ONLY SERVING
"FORIGEN PARTIES" (READ USSR) AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO INCITE
EGYPTIAN EPOPLE TO REPEAT TRAGIC EVENTS OF JAN 18-19.
AKHBAR REPORTS THAT PEOPLES ASSEMBLY MEMBER ABD AL-FATTAH
HASAN AND TEN OTHER MEMBERS HAVE SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR
INTERPELLATION OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER MUHI AL-DIN. SEVERAL
CALLS WERE ALSO REPORTED IN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FOR
DISSOULTION OF MUHI AL-DIN'S LEFTIST PARTY AND AKHBAR
WEIGHTS IN WITH EDITORIAL CHARGING THAT HE UNHAPPY WITH
SADAT REGIME BECAUSE LEFTISTS CAN NO LONGER DO THEIR DIRTY
WORK IN SECRET.

4. COMMENT: IT NOT UNUSAL FOR EGYPTIAN MARXISTS TO SPEAK
THEIR MINDS ABROAD, BUT CAIRO PAPERS ROUTINELY IGNORE THEIR
EFFUSIONS. HOSTILE PUBLICITY FOR ROME REMARKS MAY,
THEREFORE, PRESAGE INCREASED GOE PRESSURE ON LOCAL LEFTISTS
AT HOME, PERHAPS AN INEVITABLE CONCOMITANT OF GOE'S CURRENT
FRE OVER SOVIET DEMARCHE PLOY (ON LIBYA).

4. WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT GOE HAS ALREADY TAKEN CONRETE
STEP CONTROL ANTI-REGIME STATEMENTS OF LEFTISTS; I.E.,
AS (LEFTIST) ROSE AL-YUSUF MAGAINZE ALLEGED RECENTLY, IT
SEEMS THAT EGYPTIAN GENERAL INTELLIGENCE AT AIRPORT HAS
LIST OF THOSE BANNED FROM TRAVEL WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION
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FROM GI. IF TRUE, THIS IS ILLIBERAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT STILL
FAR CRY FROM OLD NASSERIST EXIT VISA PRECEDURE LIFTED
BY SADAT.
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